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PHASING OUT OF CPCRI CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to phase out the research centre at Kannara of Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any suggestions from many quarters including the State Government for retention of the centre and making improvements in its functioning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the current status of the centre?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has decided to phase out the Research Centre at Kannara of Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Kasaragod.

(b) The decision was taken based on the Report of the Committee on Review of Regional Research Centres of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), which recommended for phasing out the Centre, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), considering its relevance , since similar research work is being carried out at CPCRI Regional Stations located at Kayamgulam (Kerala) and Vittal (Karnataka).

(c) & (d): Suggestions from some Honourable Members of Parliament and also from the Chief Minister of Kerala have been received, to retain the Centre at Kannara. The matter was re-examined by the competent authority and was decided to phase out the Research Centre, considering the relevance. Accordingly, the Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala was requested to take over the Research Centre along with immovable properties, which was agreed in principle, in the meeting held on 19.8.2004 with the Director of Agriculture, Government of Kerala and Director, CPCRI, Kasaragod. However, the Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala, has yet to take the possession of the Centre as agreed.